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Mr. Samuel J. Esplich
Special Agent
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Department of Justice
Washington 25, D. C.

Forwarded as a matter of primary
interest. For your information, I am
enclosing a copy of our reply to Father
Stengl.

SIGNED

Assistant to the Director

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Reverend Frank J. Stangl
THE CATHOLIC MISSOURIAN
P. O. Box 331
Jefferson City, Missouri

Dear Father Stangl:

On behalf of Mr. Dulles, I would like to acknowledge and thank you for your letter of 19 April.

This is a subject which is not within the purview of the Central Intelligence Agency as we are specifically prohibited by law from engaging in internal security matters. However, I have taken the liberty of forwarding your letter to another government department which may be able to help you.

We appreciate your courtesy in writing to us.

Sincerely,

SIGNED

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Assistant to the Director

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Mr. Allan Dulles
Central Intelligence Committee
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Dulles,

The purpose of this letter is to request a favor. In addition to my duties as advertising and business manager of the Jefferson City Diocesan Weekly, the CATHOLIC MISSOURIAN, I am also majoring in Journalism at Lincoln University here in Jefferson City. It is in this latter connection that I am writing to you.

As the topic of a seminar paper which I am preparing, I have selected: "A SURVEY OF OPINION CONCERNING COMMUNIST INFILTRATION INTO AMERICAN COMMUNICATIONS." I realize that this effort may sound ambitious, but I am sure that you will agree that it is an important and timely topic.

In addition to concrete instances such as the recent revelation that Annie Lee Moss was ACTUALLY A COMMUNIST, after apparent proof that she was not (and incidentally you will recall that this received very little if any real followup in the press) there is the broader philosophic approach which is merely this: The aims of the Communist are such that he would undoubtedly do anything in his power to enter any and every field of importance in America, where his influence could be best exercised. One of these fields is definitely that of communications in America, and so this field must be investigated to see what possible progress the Communist has made in achieving his goal in penetrating newspaper, radio and television.

I shall be deeply indebted to you for any indications of reference, information or leads that you, in the light of your professional experience may have the kindness to forward to me. Any such information, forming as it will, a part of this seminar paper, will remain confidential.

I sincerely wish to thank you in advance for any assistance that you may render in connection with this project.

Very gratefully yours,

Frank J. Stangl
Rev. Frank J. Stangl, S. T. L.
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